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TAGS: PGOR, PBOR, UR, US, WB

SUBJECT: SOVIET RESPONSE IN BASC ON MARCH 17 SOUTH  
CORRIDOR INCIDENT

REF: A.) USBERLIN 718 B.) USBERLIN 636 C.) USBERLIN 548

WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE THAT SOVIET RESPONSE (REFTEL B)  
WAS LESS THAN SATISFACTORY IN THAT IT ADMITTED THE  
ESSENTIAL FACTS OF SOVIET MIG FIGHTER AIRCRAFT'S  
VIOLATION OF CORRIDOR PROCEDURES, BUT CLAIMED ACTIONS BY  
SOVIET AIRCRAFT WERE ACCEPTABLE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT  
NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ESCALATE ISSUE, BUT NEITHER DO  
WE WISH TO LET SOVIET STATEMENT STAND WITHOUT SOME REJOINDER  
FROM ALLIED SIDE. DEPARTMENT APPROVES THEREFORE USBER  
SUGGESTION (PARA 3 REFTTEL A) THAT ALLIED MISSIONS DEVELOP  
FOR THE RECORD MILD COUNTER TO SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER'S  
STATEMENT. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
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